# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1407
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Hand Pulled Rickshaws
Yellaiah Shri Nandi

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether hand pulled passenger rickshaws are still prevalent in some parts of the country particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, area and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a legislation or issue orders to prohibit such activity in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): No such data is maintained in this Ministry. However, State Government of West Bengal has informed that the Principal Act i.e. Hackney Carriage Act, 1919 was amended by Hackney Carriage (Amendment) Act, 2006, wherein the term 'Jin Rickshaw' commonly known as Hand pull Rickshaw was omitted. As such, it can be stated that with the said Amendment, there remained no provision for plying of 'Jin-Rickshaw' in the City of Kolkata.

(c) & (d): Does not arise as an Act in this regard is already available.